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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SALAZAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 27, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN T. SALAZAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:
O Creator of the heavens and Earth, You have endowed this planet, the ground for all our living, with innumerable gifts of nature held in delicate balance.

So many resources have been given by You to Mother Earth so that life for Your people all over the globe may be sustained and developed.

May this great Nation, led by gratitude and imagination in government, study with sincerity the laws of nature and share with others its discoveries so that a just distribution of all Earth's resources may be assured according to principles of justice and solidarity. Then will the poor and the hungry over all the Earth be given voice and sing praise and thanksgiving to You both now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. SCOTT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 20, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 20, 2007, at 12:00 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 171.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 67.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 577.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 514.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 433.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 521.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 335.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 49.

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission.

United States Commission on Civil Rights.
Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki).

National Council on the Arts.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

THE TRUCKS ARE COMING, THE TRUCKS ARE COMING

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the next sound you hear will be the rumble of thousands of Mexican trucks streaming across our southern border. The U.S. Government has agreed to allow 100 Mexican trucking companies to send trucks on the highways and byways of America. Presently, Mexican trucks may only go 20 miles inside the U.S. border. The U.S. Government says they will inspect the trucks for safety and inspect the drivers as well. Yeah, right. There are already 6,000 trucks a day crossing in each direction just between Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; and only a fraction of these are inspected.

This country has no way of inspecting each and every Mexican truck for safety, and there is no telling what could be in them, whether it is legitimate cargo, narcotics or contaminated food. Not to mention, Mexican trucks are not up to the standards of the U.S. trucking industry. Overweight, polluting Mexican trucks driven by low paid, unqualified drivers that may not even be able to read highway signs is a dangerous policy for the citizens of this country.

Once again, our government seems to be more concerned about Mexico than it is about our Nation, our highways or our people.

And that's just the way it is.

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